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A BETTER LIGHTED CITY.

The next budget of city expenses will have to provide for a better lighted city.

It is not creditable to the Capital City that the principal streets like State and Court and Commercial are so poorly lighted.

Lights on the business streets paid for by the merchants are the best advertisement the city now has and they are paid for by business men.

The municipality cannot appropriate money for taxes to better ends than lighting the streets liberally.

It pays from the standpoint of reducing crimes and protecting property of the citizen.

GRAND OPERA AT SALEM.

Entering slightly into the class of second-class metropolitan cities, Salem is to have grand opera.

The so-called season opens Saturday of this week, and will be followed by a number of presentations later.

How will our people act? What will they wear? Will the ladies have cloaks and the men evening dress?

Will the young men take the young ladies in cabs with a chaperone and furnish the young lady flowers?

Will they make the fashionable after-opera call, and shall we put on all the airs of a rapidly-becoming place of some pumpkins?

Perhaps our people are too highly educated and moral to have their female population appear in low necks and sleeveless attire.

Anyway, Salem is going to have a try at grand opera whether they go in pajamas or trousers bagging at the first joint above the shins.

If the howling is to be in English we can stand it all right, but excuse us from the parole vous Francais or Italiano dialects.

The horse editor and the cow editor will probably take to the pasture lot or walk down the railroad track while the prima donna and the tenorissimo rend the air in foreign tongues at two dollars per rend.

THE BATTLE TO CONNECT BOISE AND COOS BAY.

One year's campaign for a railroad through central Oregon from Coos Bay to Boise has brought great results.

The people of the communities at each end of the line and the principal points on the line have come together.

Their needs have been presented by the able men who have been enlisted for the specific purpose named.

The commercial bodies and the press have been put in the harness and have done splendid work at all times.

The whole Pacific northwest has been awakened to action and interest and the railroads themselves aroused.

When the Development Congress was held at Burns, Harney county, July 1-3, there was not even talk of Deschutes building.

Today Harriman and Hill are racing to see which can construct his line first into the vast region known as Central Oregon.

Magazine articles have been written showing the injustice done the people of two states by maintaining the great enclosure known as the Harriman fence.

The congress just held at Coos Bay has taken higher ground than ever before for the district-built railroad.

The two ideas that were tenaciously held to for the year past have both borne fruit and been enacted into law.

The district built harbor and district built railroad have been made into realities of legislation and action.

Five ports are acting in Oregon under the district built port act, and as many districts are acting in Idaho under the district built railroad law.

District built water transportation has been upheld by the Oregon supreme court, and district built land transportation is before the Idaho legislature.

Under the operation of these laws the two centers that have taken the leading part in this struggle are coming to the front faster than any other two cities on the Pacific coast—Coos Bay and the Boise basin.

The city of Boise is a splendid specimen of a typical western city that believes in itself and in helping itself.

No community on the Pacific coast has made the sacri-

fices in the way of public spirit and taxed itself for self-development as has Coos Bay, and especially Marshfield.

Following are among the resolutions adopted at the congress just held:

"In bringing to a close this meeting of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress held at Marshfield and North Bend, August 20th and 21st, the congress desires to express its confidence in the safe path of progress these two great commonwealths are entering upon in realizing that their development rests with themselves."

The essential and fundamental principle of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress has been to teach the people self help and then provide the machinery for exercising it.

The Coos Bay resolutions further set this forth in these words:

"At the conclusion of this, its first fiscal year of labor, the congress wishes to invite the attention of the delegates and the public to the fact that it is essentially a movement toward self-help by which the people may be aroused to the fact that their resources are their own and their strength is in themselves and they need not and ought not to wait helplessly until relief comes from the outside.

"In furtherance of this principle the congress lent its aid to and believes it secured the passage of two acts of the Oregon legislature which mark a new era in the connection of the people with their own progress and development.

"One of these is the port commission act by which any community is authorized by proper procedure, including submission to a popular vote to create a taxing district for raising funds to deepen and improve harbors and waterways within the district.

"Resolved, That it is the decided sense of this congress that while it will welcome all bona fide private railroad building and will aid and not obstruct it, yet it believes construction and ownership of rail highways by the district plan is the correct principle, and is as feasible as the keeping open of waterways by the district or port commission plan; and it is further the sense of this congress that the people ought to adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution which will come before the people in 1910."

freak of a husband, De Sagan, on a pair of silver scales, made especially for the purpose, and then the kid only weighed four and a half pounds. Anna wanted to nurse the baby herself, but the job was turned over to a Jersey cow.

According to General Bell, the United States is so short of brigadier-generals that it can't spare one to place in charge of the Presidio at San Francisco.

England is having another attack of hysteria over finding dynamite in the coal on another battleship. She needs a vacation, for her nerves are very badly shattered.

Don't overlook the fact that the land discovered by Cook belongs to Uncle Samuel, but it hasn't been withdrawn from settlement yet.

The Mormon choir that refused to pay admission to the Seattle fair, in order to sing, deserves the praise of everyone who hates graft, and understands the kind they dish out in Seattle.

While honoring Dr. Cook, don't overlook the fact that without the aid of the plucky little Eskimos, Take-shook and Aswelab, who alone stayed with him through his entire journey, Cook would have come home with the old story of failure, or would not have come home at all.

England seems to feel aggrieved that Cook found the pole instead of waiting for an Englishman to do it. It is really too bad, but it can't be helped now, since Cook "has gone and done it."

"Carmen" Saturday night, but still not all the Salem carmen will be there.

Good for Billionsness. "I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks," says J. J. Firestone, of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for billionsness." For sale by all good druggists. Samples free.

THREE GIRLS SKIP FROM THE CONVENT

[United Press Leased Wire.]

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—After tramping 93 miles in three days, begging their food from farmer's wives and sleeping in hay stacks, three 16-year-old girls who escaped from the Holy Cross Convent at Santa Cruz, yesterday are held at the detention home here. They probably will be returned to Santa Cruz. The young women, who are San Francisco girls, are Alice Sheridan, Nellie Hoeckle and Margaret Weckerle, and they took the trip because they wanted to see San Francisco again.

The Sheridan girl headed the party and planned the escape from convent.

When the sisters of the institution had retired Saturday night the trio stealthily left the dormitory, climbed over the convent walls and struck north on foot. After tramping five

Harrison street, and from there telephoned to their parents.

GOOD RAILROAD LESSON TAUGHT BY THE CIRCUS

A few figures that tend to show that a railroad would do in the Coos Bay country are given by Walter Lyon of Marshfield, who is a Portland visitor. Incidentally it shows that Coos Bay people have money to spend, for 250 teams went over the stage roads to Roseburg to attend the Ringling circus.

"Counting four persons to the team," said Mr. Lyon, "this means 1000 people, and this is not an overestimate, I think. The lowest stage fare from Marshfield to Roseburg is six dollars, so the cost, had every one gone by stage, would have been \$12,000 for the round trip. That shows what went out of Coos county to the circus saying nothing of what was spent at Roseburg and the circus itself.

"Government figures of steamers passing over the bar for the last year show 13,908 passengers. Up and down Coos river there were 37,683 passengers on boats, a total of more than 50,000. Taking into account the increased traffic that would result if communication were made east by railroad, and saying nothing about the increase of population and development of new sections, some idea can be gained of what a railroad would do for itself, as well as for Coos Bay."—Portland Journal.

A Narrow Escape.

Edgar N. Bayliss, a merchant of Robinsonville, Del., wrote: "About two years ago I was thin and sick, and coughed all the time, and if I did not have consumption it was near to it. I commenced using Foley's Honey and Tar, and it stopped my cough, and I am now entirely well, and have gained about 28 pounds, all due to the good results from taking Foley's Honey and Tar. J. C. Perry.

CHARGES AGAINST HITCHCOCK DISMISSED

New York, Sept. 3.—Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, today, is freed of all the accusations that he mistreated young girls, and for which he was jailed several months ago.

The court of sessions late yesterday dismissed the remaining four indictments against him.

Folger's Golden Gate Coffee

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Your grocer will grind it—better if ground at home—not too fine.

MORE EXPLOSIVES IN BATTLESHIP COAL

[United Press Leased Wire.]

London, Sept. 3.—Following the discovery of high explosives in the coal bunkers of the crack battleship Forward, the officers of the British admiralty today are in a state of ferment.

Similar discoveries in three other battleships recently caused a rigid investigation to be ordered, and the investigators were in the midst of their probing when the announcement was made that high explosives had been found on the Forward. As a result of this latest finding instructions have been rushed to every officer in the navy to thoroughly search their vessels for high explosives.

It is feared that an attempt is being made by enemies of the nation to blow up the biggest and best battleships of the British empire as in every instance the explosives have been found on first class vessel.

Health and Beauty Aid. Cosmetics and lotions will not clear your complexion of pimples and blotches like Foley's Orino Laxative, for indigestion, stomach and liver trouble and habitual constipation. Cleanses the system and is pleasant to take. J. C. Perry.

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X-RAYS AND SMILES

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lowe were divorced at Seattle today. Mrs. Lowe getting \$40,000 in cash and \$30,000 trust fund, of which she gets the income. The parties are each only 19 years old, which is conclusive proof at least on the girl's part, that marriage is not a failure.

Anna Gould that was weighed the baby that came to her and her French